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In re Application of: Yuji Yakura et al.
 Application No.: 10/617,285
 Filed: July 10, 2003
 For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND ITS CONTROL METHOD

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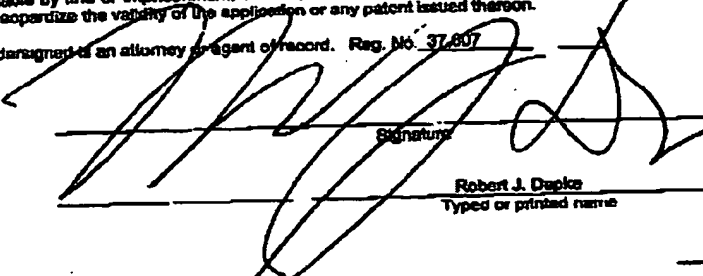
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